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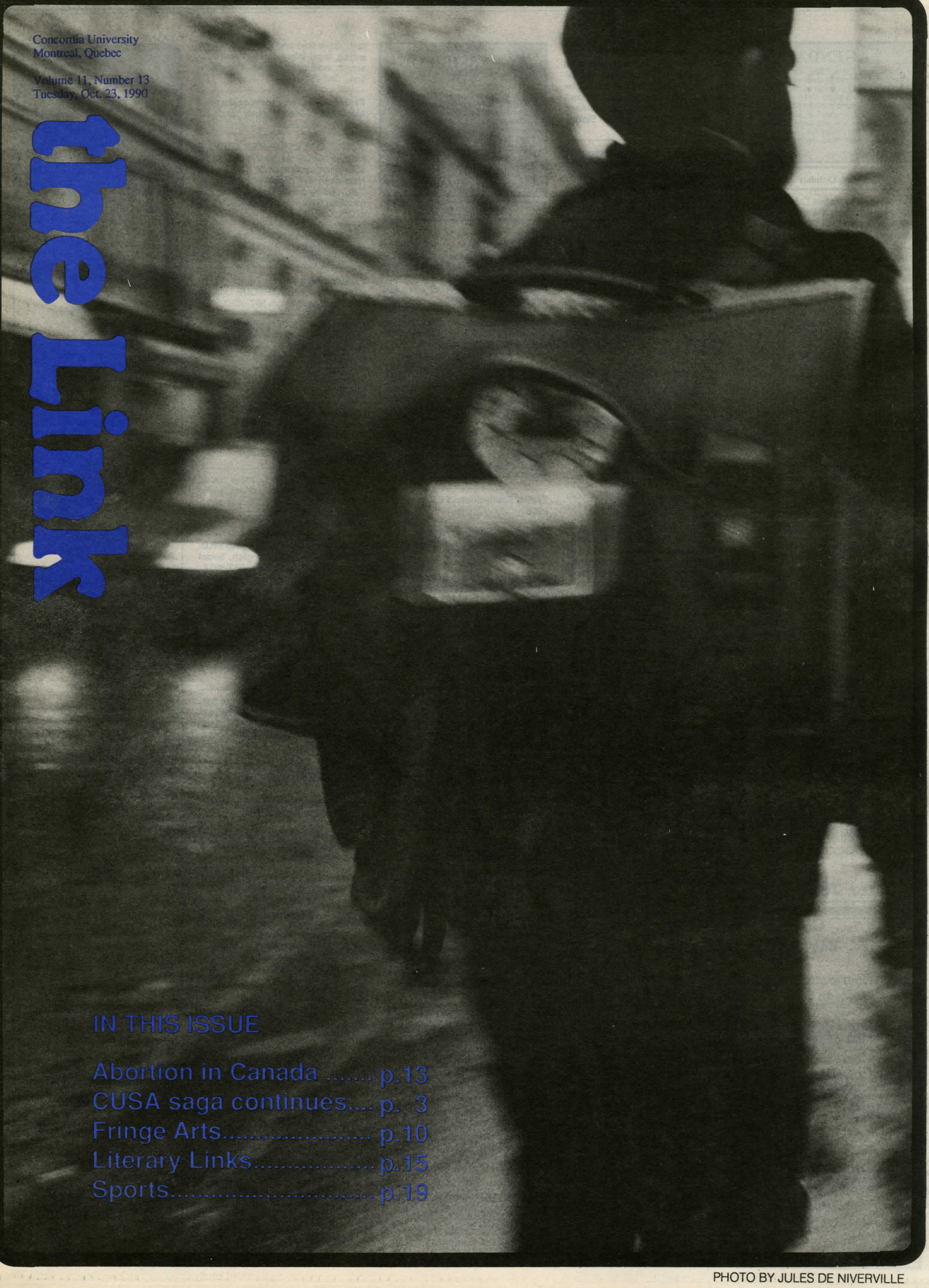

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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office in room 649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday's issue and 5 pm Wednesday for Friday's paper.

Tuesday, October 23

"Our Home and Native Land," an exhibition of Sculpture, Painting, Photography and Installation Works by North American Aboriginal Artists, opens today. The artists are Mary Longman (Plains Cree), Arthur Renwick (Haisla), Eric Robertson (Kitskan), and Veran Wallis (Apache). VA Gallery, 1395 boul. René Lévesque.

QPIRG waste management action/research team. Meeting: today at 5:30pm at H-769 (Hall building). Garbage burning you up? Want the city to learn instead of burn? We're working on getting the city to use reduction strategies instead of incineration. Info: 848-7585.

International Rain Forest Info Week continues to the 26th at H-110. Friends of the Rainforest Montréal, in conjunction with the Native Friendship Centre presents an information event series on the consequences of de-forestation domestically and abroad. Videos on James Bay II, Amazon, S.E. Asia. Info: C.A.R.A. 486-1953.

Wednesday, October 24

Anniversary kiss-in. Today marks one year since homophobic Upstairs owner kicked out a group of women because they were cuddling. Demonstrate against homophobia at 8pm, outside the Upstairs restaurant, on Bishop St. in between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine. For more info, call the Concordia Women's Collective at 848-7411.

The Greening of Concordia Committee is holding a general meeting in room H662 from 12 to 2 and/or 2 to 4. Call 848-7585 for more information.

Public lecture by Drs. Margo Wilson and Martin Daly, psychologists from McMaster University,on Spousal Homicide. 19h, H-110. The seminar will be in English. For more information, contact Jim Grant (848-3421) or Luc-Alain Giraldeau (848-3425) of the Biology Dept.

Wanted...ECE and Child Studies students! Did you know the Education Students Association is here to represent you? Come and find out more about us at our meeting today, 12:30pm to 2pm in H 549-38.

Thursday, October 25

Mary Dean Lee, from the Faculty of Management at McGill will speak on "The Challenge of Nurturing the Self in the Context of Work and Family Demands." Free lecture, all welcome. 4pm to 5:30pm. Refreshments available between 3:30pm and 4pm. Location: 7302 Sherbrooke St. W., crn. West Broadway. Presented by Lonergan College. Info: 848-2280.

The Sparklers of Concordia Lecture Series presents "Right Brain Visualization," seeing through Mind & Heart Theory and techniques by Prof. Stephen Hlophe, Department of Anthropology. Today at 7pm, room H-762. Everyone welcome.

Friday, October 26

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) will meet today 3:30 in room 102 of the P-Annex, 2020 Mackay. For more info, call: 848-7414.

The Community of Cooperative Learners is looking for ECE and Child Studies students to join their discussion and support group. Meeting today at 7pm in room H549-15.

Sunday, October 28

Mohawk benefit performance evening with Mack Mackenzie, Rhythm Activism, Judy Radul, John Sobol Poetry Duo, Johanne Lafleur, GOGODGO!, and Tam Tam Montagne Interior. Plus, a photography exhibit by Linda Dawn Hammond—"Behind the Barricades." ALL the proceeds go to the Mohawk Nation Office through the Defence Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty. Admission is $5 and $3 (sliding scale). Info: 842-7509.

Monday, October 29

The Central America Committee will be presenting a speaker: commander Jesus Rojas, member of the FMLN Diplomatic Commission. Topics include: FMLN-Salv. Gov. peace talks & prospects for peace & democracy in El Salvador. Free. (In Spanish and English.)For more info, call 848-7410, or drop by their offices in the P-Annex.

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CUSA Board amends loophole

by Franco D'Orazio

The ambiguous constitutional article CUSA co-president Stuart Letovsky used to elude his rumored impeachment was amended by CUSA's Board of Directors in a special meeting last Friday.

Article 5.2.2 now states: "The Board shall consist of thirty seats," instead of its previous wording of "the directors (of the Board) shall number thirty."

There are presently 19 Board directors, 11 short of article 5.2.2 requirements. A literal interpretation of the previous wording would invalidate most of the work accomplished by this year's student government and every other previous CUSA government that operated with less than 30 directors since the constitution was adopted in 1983.

"The Board feared any motions it passed would be nullified and voided by certain members sitting on the Board of Directors," director David Schwalb said.

The last director to make use of the contentious article was Letovsky, who successfully rescinded the appointment of Chandra Sohan to the Judicial Board, CUSA's adjudicating arm.

"Stuart feared that the Judicial Board would become politicized because Chandra was calling for the shutdown of CUSA (this summer,)" said CUSA director Thomas Dowd. Dowd added that Letovsky would not have wanted to appear before a biased Judicial Board under circumstances of impeachment.

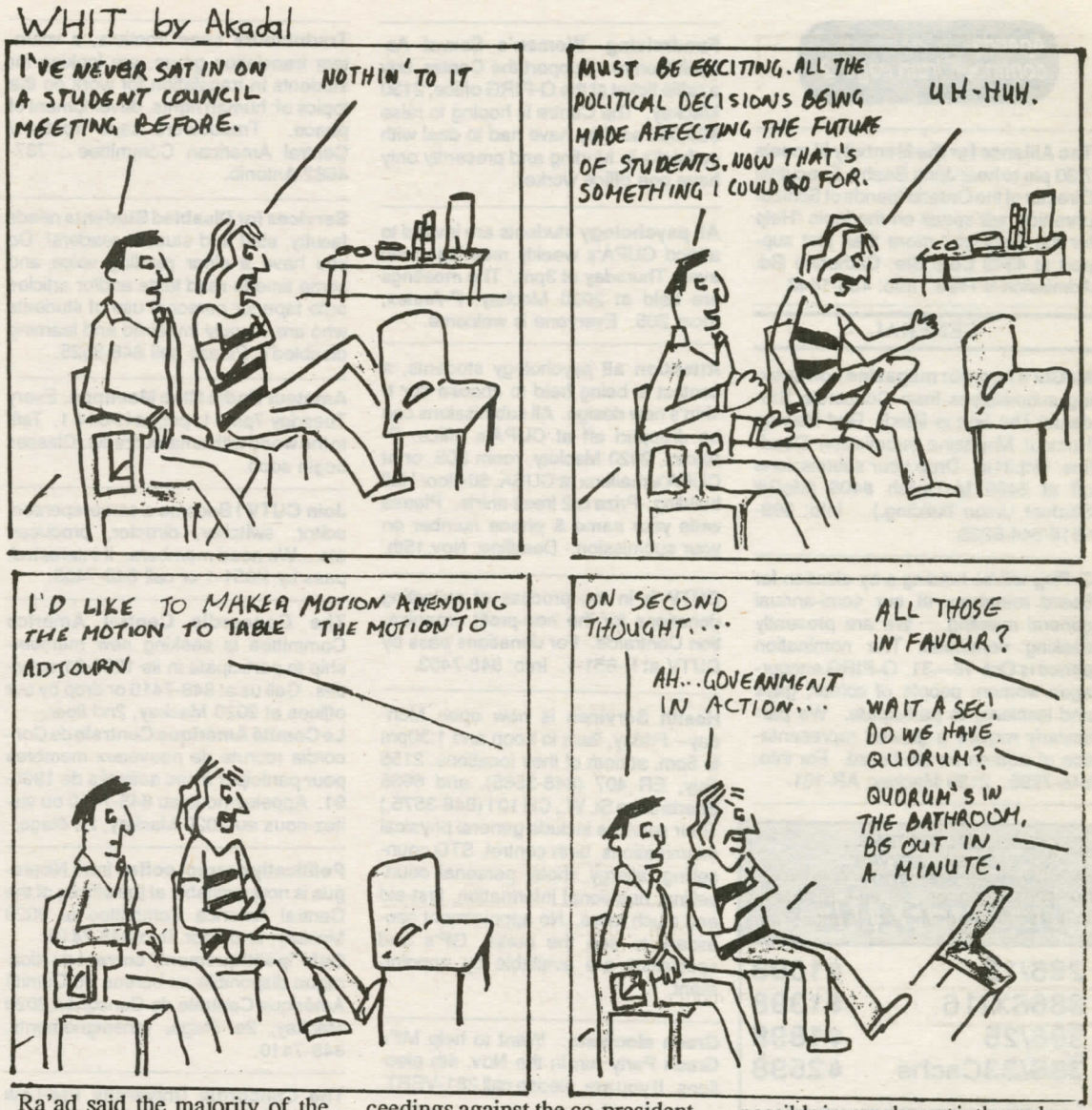
The amendment passed unanimously 15-0. But four directors, including Letovsky, co-president Tammy Powell and director Ra'ad Ra'ad were not present during the meeting.

Both co-presidents said proper procedures were neglected because they were not properly notified about Friday's special meeting.

Powell said she was not surprised that they were left out of the meeting.

"Some members of the Board no longer want or desire the opinions of the co-presidents. This is unfortunate because...they have meetings without (the co-presidents or the vice-presidents) to decide the changes that are necessary in order for CUSA to function properly," Powell said.

Ra'ad said he wasn't given the "three school days" notice for the meeting as laid down in CUSA's constitution. He said the amendment could have been dealt with at tomorrow's Board meeting, and dismissed Friday's meeting as "political trickery."



Ra'ad said the majority of the Board voted in favor of the Enviro-Rock concert, giving Letovsky "the green light" to proceed with the deficit-ridden event, which lost around $36 000, and may be used as grounds for impeachment proceedings against the co-president.

Letovsky said the amendment "would enable the Board (directors) to get rid of me if they chose to."

Schwalb denies that Letovsky's possible impeachment is the underlying reason for the amendment, but he said last week that it would be very difficult for the co-president to "avoid" impeachment if the article was changed.

Cree and Inuit set sail for Quebec City

by Lucy Niro

Mina Weetaltuk fears Hydro Quebec's second James Bay project will wipe out her community.

Weetaltuk and 30 other natives from the Great Whale River in Northern Quebec gathered at Montreal's Old Port last Friday to send four Cree and Inuit men on their symbolic journey up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec City.

Eight other natives will join the four men in paddling the odeyak—the part canoe, part kayak — to Quebec City for a march to the National Assembly.

Bill Namagoose, executive director of the Quebec Grand Council of Crees, said the voyage is aimed at informing Quebecers of the environmental dangers posed by the James Bay II Project.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL THIBAULT

Cree and Inuit paddlers manoeuvre their odeyak down the St. Lawrence on their way to Quebec City.

Namagoose said James Bay II, which includes the Great Whale River Project and the Nottaway-Broadback-Rupert Project, will flood river basins and forests in the area, ruining key hunting and fishing areas.

"James Bay I on the La Grande River flooded 10,000 square km of all the Cree and Inuit traditional territories," Namagoose said.

"At the time, no environmental assessment was made. Now, we know there's mercury pollution in certain species of fish."

He said natives living in what was known as the Fort George community along the La Grande River — the site of Hydro Quebec's first project — were forced to resettle 12 km further north.

"When Hydro Quebec built the La Grande River Complex, the flow of the river increased and washed away the community," he said.

More than 60 per cent of the 2,000 natives who moved from the Fort George community to Chisasibi, who ate mercury-infested fish from the flooded river basins, showed high levels of mercury in their blood, Namagoose said. "(Native) people don't eat fish anymore."

Diom Saganash, vice-president of the Quebec Grand Council of Crees, said Alberta Premier Grant Devine's decision to overlook the environmental impact of the Rafferty-Alemeda dam project in Saskatchewan will not influence Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa's position on James Bay II.

"Bourassa has to respect the law in regard to the environment, and let the National Energy Board decide (how the project will affect the environment)," Saganash said.

It isn't up to the Cree and the Inuit to think of alternative energy sources, he added.

"Quebec should have a decent environmental energy policy. Hydro Quebec has the mandate to do research and come up with other solutions."

Hydro Quebec predicts James Bay II will cost about $69 billion. James Bay I, completed in 1975, was slated to cost $1.5 billion, but some place the figure closer to $20 billion.

Last spring, the Inuit paddled to New York City to warn New Yorkers of the mammoth hydro project's dire consequences.

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The Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets 7:30 pm to hear June Beeby, Executive Director of the Ontario friends of Schizophrenics, will speak on the topic "Help for the Families," more than just support at 4343 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd. Admission is Free. Info: 486-1448

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Q-Pirg will be holding a by-election for Board members at our semi-annual general meeting. We are presently seeking nominees. The nomination period is Oct. 18—31. Q-PIRG encourages women, people of colour, gays and lesbians, to participate. We particularly require a greater representation of women on the board. For info: 848-7585. 2130 Mackay, AR-101.

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Group wants Canadian Armed Force-less

by Terence Drummond

A group w.. ng to abolish Canada's Arme Forces demonstrated last Wednesday in front of the army recruitment centre on St. Catherine street.

Calling themselves le Comitè pour l'Abolition de l'Armèe, the group launched its manifesto suggesting that with Quebec's prominent role in shaping Canada's future, now is the time to decide whether the country needs a military force as the basis of its national defense.

The10-member committee was formed six months ago.

Norman Beaudet, a committee spokesperson, said the members have all been involved in the peace movement and believe in the notion of civilian-based defense.

The Albert Einstein Institute, based at Cambridge University in Massachussetts, defines civilian-based defense as a "national defense policy to deter and defeat aggression, both internal and external, by preparing the population and its institutions for massive non-violent resistance and defiance."

Beaudet, said a civilian-based defense program should be implemented.

"Actual means of defense for a country, the conventional and nuclear means, are completely obsolete, especially in Canada," Beaudet said.

He added that the army is considered as a force defending borders and territory, but Canada's size makes this task impossible.

Beaudet said there is a problem with Canada's international relations.

"The Gulf Crisis is just a result of political neglect in Canada," he said. "We relied on the petroleum economy and now that the situation is happening we are almost forced to get involved,"

Another committee spokesperson said the committee is asking that Canadians question the army's existence and relevance.

Serge Provencher said negotiation mediation have become the two most common means of dealing with confrontational problems because "no one likes violence."

He said the army's presence at Oka this summer only escalated the potential for violence.

"If the federal government could not rely on the army, then they would have to consider more concretely the different problems in Canada," Provencher said.

Captain Jacques Martel, the second ranking officer and administrator at the recruitment centre, said the army's role includes more than merely defending its country.

He said the forces are involved in sea rescues, fire fighting and international peace-keeping missions such as the current Gulf Crisis.

Martel was part of a peace-keeping force sent to observe the Greek-Turkish dispute in 1980-81.

U of T students protest graffiti

Homophobia hits Toronto streets

by Barb Zakowski
and Maylin Scott

TORONTO (CUP) — Despite requests from two campus groups, the University of Toronto has refused to remove anti-gay graffiti from campus sidewalks.

During orientation week, spraypainted graffiti reading "No Homos" appeared on the sidewalk outside the Medical Science building. Last week, the same slogan showed up on the ground near the University College Playhouse.

Andrew Davidson, chair of Gays and Lesbians at the University of Toronto, expressed concern about both cases of graffiti, and sent a letter to physical plant manager Walter Terry asking him to remove the graffiti from both locations.

Terry refused, saying physical plant does not have the resources to clean sidewalk writing. "We don't normally remove graffiti from sidewalks because it wears off on its own, and we do not have a budget to clean off every sidewalk," said Terry.

But David Rayside, the chair of U of T's Committee on Homophobia, said it is offensive and he doesn't think it will cost much to remove the graffiti."I'm sympathetic to anyone who has a limited budget. But I find it hard to believe that a few instances of graffiti will break his budget," he said.

Davidson said he is outraged by the graffiti and by physical plant's failure to recognize it as offensive. He added that if the graffiti is not removed he may go outside the university to solve the problem. "The nature of the graffiti is offensive. No gay person will feel comfortable around this," said Davidson.

"I'm going to meet with Mr. Terry, and if nothing is done I could take it to the Human Rights Commission. I'm confident that the administration would want to avoid that kind of publicity."

He cited a recent case at Carleton University where repeated requests to remove homophobic graffiti in underground tunnels connecting the university's

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Gay educators come out of classroom closet

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Two dozen B.C. teachers and professors have started Canada's first support group for gay and lesbian educators.

"My main focus has got to be helping and providing support for other gay educators," said teacher Keith Jarvis, one of the co-founders of the group that first met in September.

"Many of us are out of the closet socially, but not professionally due to pressure from students, faculty and staff," he said. "There should be no problem with being an openly gay teacher."

The group will include anyone in a position to teach others.

Currently the group is made up mostly of elementary and secondary school teachers, although many college and university teachers have expressed interest.

Most B.C. municipal school districts, colleges and universities have sections in their contracts prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, yet the provincial Human Rights Act doesn't prohibit such discrimination.

Jarvis said members had discussed several possible goals for the group.

"Some felt that they wanted more of a support group, so that gay and lesbian educators would realize that they are not alone and to talk to someone who has had similar experiences," he said.

Other members, he said, are interested in "political involvement" while a third group wanted to address the professional issues of being a gay or lesbian educator.

Jarvis hopes the various B.C. teacher organizations will feel free to use the new group as a resource.

B.C.'s various teachers groups say the new group may beuseful.

Ed Lavalle of the College-Institute Educators Association of B.C. said the new group could have a "positive effect."

"We ourselves are committed to fighting discrimination and supporting human rights," he said.

The CIEA-BC, he added, has a "human rights" committee and has lobbied in the past to have discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation made illegal in B.C.

"In the university community, which may be more tolerant than other communities, I don't think anyone will have any problems with such a group," said Margaret Csapo, president of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C. (CUFA-BC).

"Teachers in a society that doesn't always respect a sexual preference choice should feel free to work together," she said.

CUFA-BC, she said, was one of the groups lobbying to have the University of British Columbia grant same sex spousal benefits last year.

Ken Novakowski, president of the B.C. Teachers Federation, said "it's understandable that this group of teachers, like other groups, would form for mutual support."

"All members of the BCTF have the right to make presentations to federation meetings and be listened to. Usually, they work through their local teacher associations, but we listento groups like this as well," he said.

'Greens' calling for a more democratic Montreal

by Richard Rozon

Ecology Montreal wants citizens to have more of a say in the way their city is run.

Ecology Montreal candidate Dimitri Roussopoulos elaborated on his visions of a "green" Montreal at a press conference Oct.17 in the Jeanne Mance district, where he is running.

Roussopoulos said his party does not advocate strictly environment-related issues. It is also a blend of the various "philosophies" of non-traditional groups of people, including gays, lesbians and feminists.

He said a "green" Montreal should reflect principles of the Ancient Athenian democracy whereby "citizens picked a name out of a hat when choosing their mayor and a set of revolving councillors, who could be impeached through a system of proportional representation."

Roussopoulos accused the MCM of reneging on its promises to implement this electoral and more democratic process. He suggested that computer technology will democratize and acceleratethe electoral process because more citizens will participate if they can simply phone in their votes, which will then be entered on computer.

Ecology Montreal proposes to bring about changes urging citizens' "active participation" in civic business. Roussopoulos lauded the Swedish system because it gives employees a few "paid hours" off on a given day to participate in civic politics and "even attend a daycare meeting."

Ecology Montreal's policies include "declaring Montreal a nuclear-free zone and weapons-free zone." The party will also push for the closing of the Longue-Pointe military base. Roussopoulos said the party hopes to "demilitarize the city," and that he is personally in favor of "disarming the police force."

The party has 21 candidates running in the Nov. 4 municipal elections, including eleven women and ten men.

Ecology Montreal does not have a mayoral candidate because Roussopoulos said the choosing of a well-known leader will detract from the party's principles of democracy promoting collective decision-making.

Roussopoulos said the party bases its proposed programs on their principles of democracy, unlike other municipal parties that have a "shopping list of issues."

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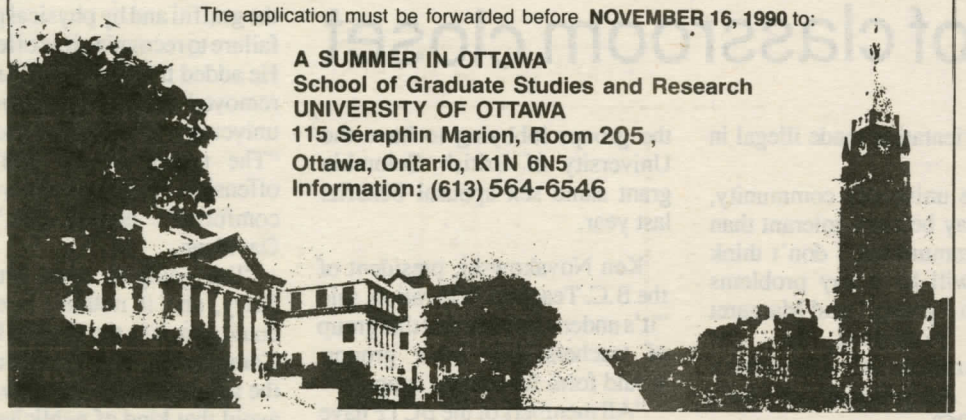

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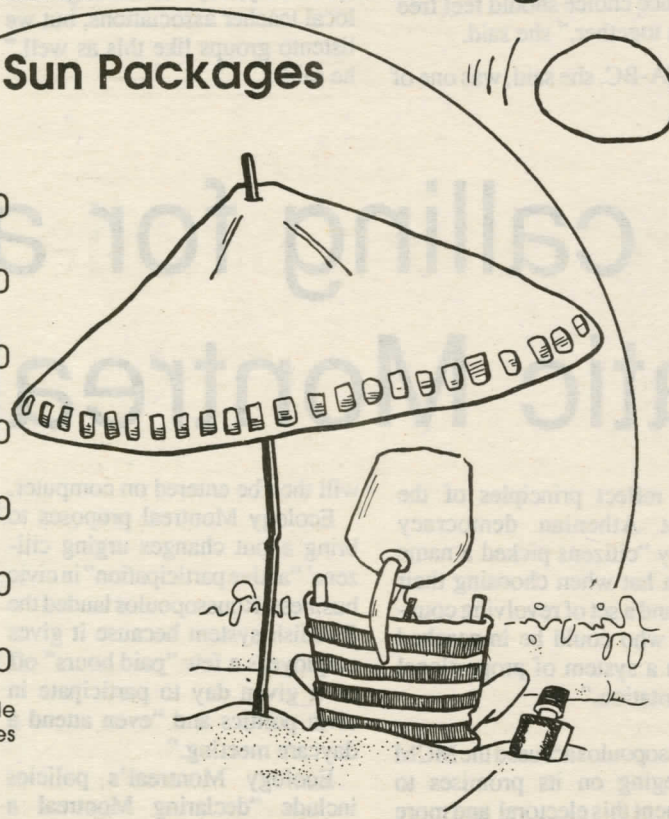

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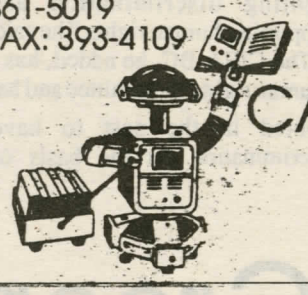

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Women get threat mail

VANCOUVER (CUP) —
Coming 10 months after the murders of 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, 300 women at the University of British Columbia have received letters threatening them with violence.

The women, who live on campus, woke up the morning of Oct. 11 and found handwritten letters had been slipped under their doors during the night, threatening rape and other violent acts. Four women received personally-addressed letters.

One woman, Daniel Rippner, said, "There were letters written that threatened to maim, rape and kill women. I don't think that's a very funny joke."

Many of the letters have since been handed over to the RCMP, who are investigating the incident, and criminal charges are being considered. The university has decided to postpone any actions on its part pending the investigation's outcome.

Forty demonstrators marching to Cariboo House - the residence where the men responsible for the letters live - were met by about 350 residents chanting "go home" and "bullshit."

At many points during the Oct. 18 protest, shouting matches broke out between demonstrators and residents. Four RCMP officers were on hand, but while tempers flared, the demonstration proceeded peacefully.

Carrying torches, the protestors gathered around the entrance to Cariboo House and, with the help of a bullhorn, took turns voicing their outrage.

But most of the speakers were drowned out by the heckling crowd encircling the protestors.

Sara Campbell, a Place Vanier resident, was angered by the protestors' implication that the residence women thought the incident was a joke. "We are not laughing at rape," Campbell said.

"This is not a rape issue. We treated the letters seriously, but it has all got out of hand. (The protesters) are distorting and using this issue for themselves."

Ellen Pond, a former Place Vanier resident and demonstrator, disagreed.

"I'm a survivor of Vanier residence," Pond said. "I'm not really shocked about (how the crowd reacted)."

Some residents said the men who wrote the letters did not mean to harm anyone.

"The letters were just rude," said Place Vanier resident Erika Kasai. "But I don't think that (the male residents) meant to insult us. They did it to disgust themselves, not to disgust us. They just didn't think how (the letters) would affect us."

Later, when one woman resident was allowed the use of the bullhorn, she told the protesters the incident "had got out of hand" and that the marchers were not welcome. Other residents reacted with a cheer.

Food fight erupts in Commons

Students toss macaroni after getting baloney

OTTAWA (CUP) — Members of Parliament marked National Student Day Oct. 17 by dodging flying macaroni in the House of Commons.

About 20 University of Ottawa students were kicked out of the public gallery for throwing pasta and postcards at MPs during question period.

The protest coincided with campus demonstrations across the country denouncing the federal government's decision to introduce a three per cent tax on student loans.

The outburst occurred after NDP education critic Howard McCurdy asked the government about the three per cent tax, which will come into effect in August 1991.

The chanting students were escorted out by House of Commons security.

"The security guards were quite rough with us," said Lesley Cornish, a U of O student. "They grabbed us and pushed us straight out the doors and (told us we) could be charged with disturbing the peace."

U of O council executive Marc Molgat, one of the student ejected, said the protesters were trying to attract attention to the problems faced by Canadian students.

"These (politicians) are eating steak and potatoes every night, while roughly half the students are eating macaroni," Molgat said.

"They (the government) are saying that this tax will encourage students to pay back loans," he said. "That's bologna."

Molgat said he is "quite frustrated" with the federal government's policies on post-secondary education.

"(The macaroni) is symbolic of what students are eating right now," said Michael Stevens, the co-ordinator of the U of O's Ontario Public Interest Research Group.

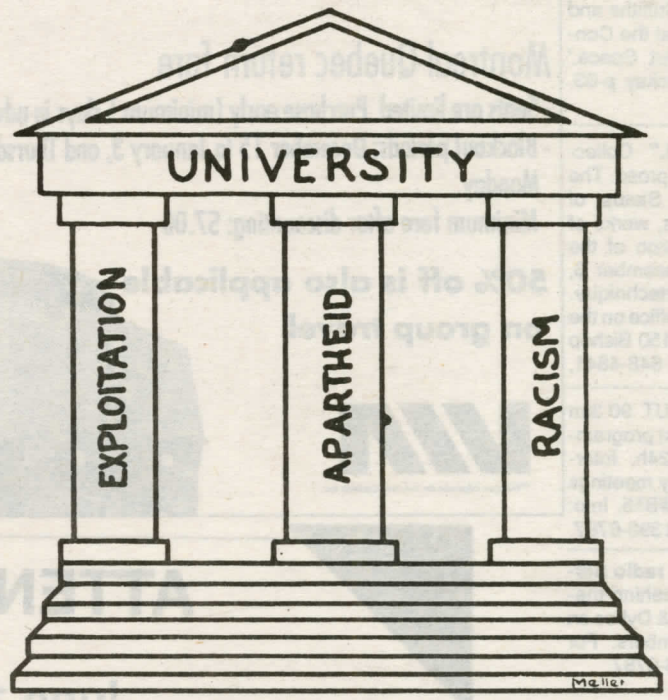
Earlier in the day, Molgat and David Russell, a Carleton University student council executive, held a press conference on Parliament Hill to denounce the three per cent tax.

They said the tax "decreases accessibility" to post-secondary education, adding that it hurts those who are least able to pay the most.

Russell said almost 50 per cent of the nation's 500,000 full-time post-secondary students are in debt to the Canada Student Loans Plan, which the tax will apply to.

If the three per cent tax comes into effect next fall, a student who borrows $5,000 will have to repay $5,150 plus interest.

Russell cited statistics which show that 29.3 per cent of students finish university with a debt of over $5,000 while 13.9 per cent finish with a debt load of over $10,000. The figures don't include money owed to provincial governments.



Reject racist research, group urges

Protestors plague Rushton

(CUP) --
Chanting "Hey Western haven't you heard? This is not Johannesburg," 250 angry demonstrators marched at the University of Western Ontario's psychology department Oct. 4.

They were demanding that controversial professor Philippe Rushton be fired from the university.

"We are really determined that fascism and racism must be opposed," said Academic Coalition for Equality (ACE) organizer Peter Ebert. "Plus prohibitions (should be) brought in barring any form of academic racism."

Rushton has published research he says proves Asians are genetically superior to whites, who are superior to blacks.

In his speech at the rally, Ebert said Rushton's work is published and supported by "neo-nazi groups and dubious academics who support each other in journals."

Rushton received financial support for his work from the Pioneer Fund, a U.S. group associated with neo-Nazi activities.

ACE wants to see Rushton out of the university.

Dale Woodyard, an associate psychology professor from the University of Windsor, agrees.

"(Rushton) parades under that name of a psychologist, but this is not good psychology, good biology or good science.

"Academic freedom is the responsibility to present the scientific truth and Rushton has not done so," Woodyard said.

He said Rushton should be opposed at every level and his papers should be rejected by journals. "We should realize that he is supported by racist publications."

Ebert said Rushton's findings were originally published in Mankind Quarterly, a journal whose editor is the founder of the neo-Nazi Northern League. The magazine, Ebert said, "tries to denigrate people of African descent."

The demonstration brought together students from universities and colleges in Toronto, London and Windsor. Several labour coalitions and the Unemployed Workers of London also participated.

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WOMEN'S LISTINGS

Sexually Harrassed? If you feel you have been discriminated against because you are a woman, contact the Concordia Women's Collective, who is documenting incidents of sexual harrassment & sexism on campus. If you don't know who to turn to or who to tell, contact us at 848-7411 or c/o CUSA, 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montréal, Qué., H3G 1M8. (confidentiality guaranteed.)

BI-The-Way — Bisexual Women's discussion group now meets every Friday. All women welcome. Info: Mon-Thurs 848-7431. Resource info available at Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay during office hours. On October 26th, a video will be shown on spousal rights in alternative relationships.

Fundraising—Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Support the Center, buy a raffle ticket at the Q-PIRG office, 2130 Mackay. The Centre is hoping to raise $20,000 as they have had to deal with cutbacks in funding and presently only have one office worker.

October 9 -- November 1 "Portraits and Figures." An exhibition of portraits and figures by Eliza Griffiths and Julia Waks will be on view at the Concordia Women's Centre 'Art Space.' Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay p-03. All welcome.

"We Will Not Be Silenced." Collection of poems and works of prose. The Concordia office on the Status of Women is collecting poems, works of prose, etc. in commemoration of the killing of 14 women on December 6, 1989 at the Ecole Polytechnique. Please send your works to Office on the Status of Women, K-103 (2150 Bishop St.). Deadline: Oct. 31. Info: 848-4841.

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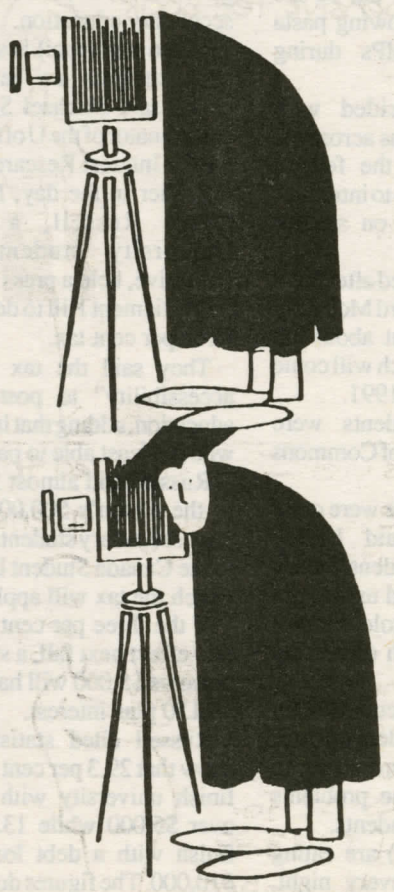

COMMENTS

Boycotters' Choice

The tiny republic of El Salvador is in a state of terror and permanent civil war.

More than 70,000 people have died since 1980, most at the hands of government troops and death squads. So far, the government has done little to stop the slaughter and clarify the fate of hundreds of Salvadorans who have disappeared. None of the military officers has ever faced a trial for the crimes they have committed.

Recently, after the massacre of six Jesuit priests, U.S. and Canadian human rights organizations have called on all coffee companies as well as consumers to stop buying Salvadoran beans until the government of El Salvador negotiates with the rebel leaders to end the civil war.

Coffee export brings the ruling elite in El Salvador approximately $420 million each year. Next to U.S. aid it is the main source of revenue.

The boycott is receiving large support from Salvadoran labour unions, including the country's largest labour federation, UNTS (National Unity of Salvadoran Workers).

In Canada, the boycott has been promoted by the Telecommunications Workers Union, the BC Council, the Canadian Congress of Unions, the Canadian Federation of Students, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, the Christian Task Force on Latin America and numerous human rights organizations. These are just some of the many groups endorsing the boycott.

Although the future impact of the blockade on the Salvadoran government is difficult to predict, there are symptoms of growing unrest among the U.S. and Salvadoran officials.

Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Robert M. Kimmitt and Salvadoran Ambassador to the United States Miguel Salaverria have claimed that the end of coffee export would be detrimental to Salvadoran peasants and workers.

More than half of El Salvador's people live in rural areas and depend on agriculture for their livelihood. The majority has never participated in the distribution of national revenue.

In 1881, after the passing of a law abolishing traditional forms of communal land tenure, coffee planters took over the central highlands of the country, evicting thousands of peasant cultivators.

Nowadays, 2% of the population owns 60% of the land, while 91% owns less than 22%. As a result, there are large numbers of landless peasants (60% of the rural population) and small farm holders who are forced to support themselves by wage labour (90% of them).

Of course the workers' pay has nothing to do with coffee price on the international market - the daily wage is lower than $1!

The unequal distribution of land and the emphasis on growing crops for exportation rather than for domestic consumption has resulted in extreme poverty for the majority of the people.

Hunger and malnutrition are widespread. It has been estimated that 85% of campesinos (peasants) earn less than $225 per capita.

While the Salvadoran government and rebel leaders prepare themselves for a new round of negotiations in November, new cases of detention and disappearances have been reported in El Salvador.

According to Amnesty International, in the first six months of this year at least 20 people were killed by death squads.

Usually their bodies were found on the street either mutilated or riddled with bullets, adding a bitter taste of Salvadoran injustice to our morning coffee.

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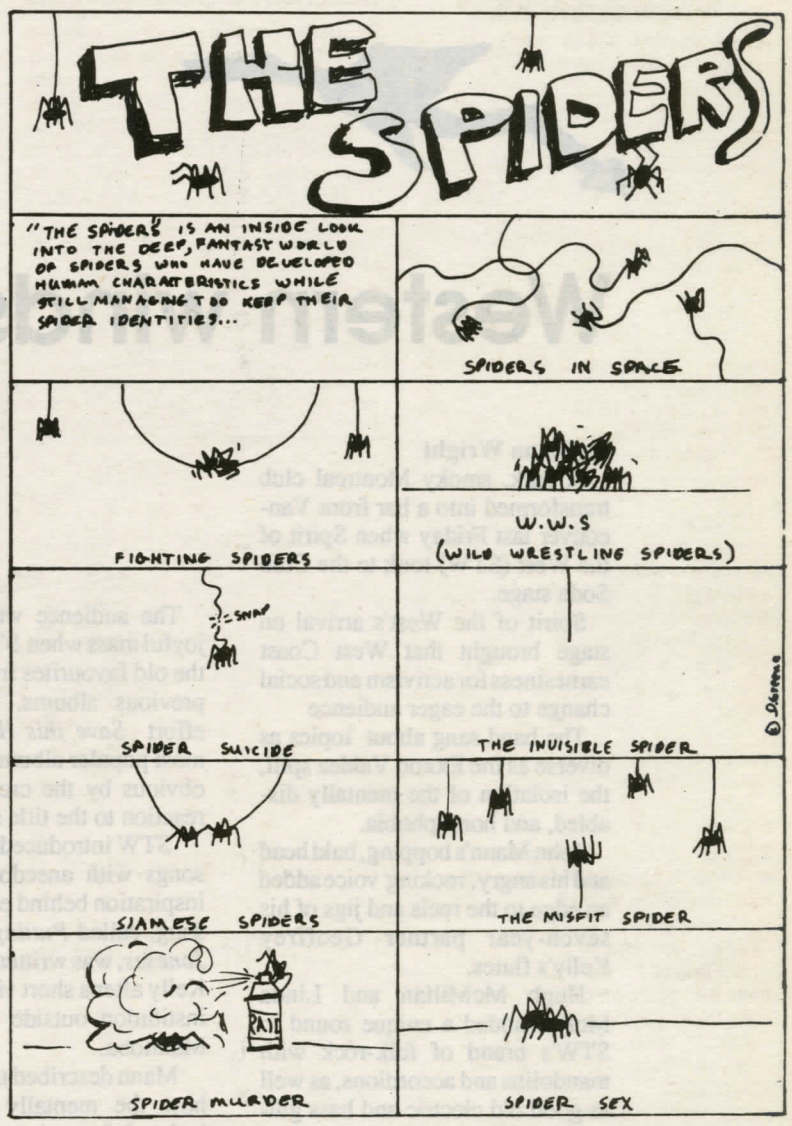

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Negotiate with natives

To the editor,

It was with outrage and disgust that we watched as the government turned the tanks on Kanestake and Kanawake.

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The government promised to negotiate when arms were laid down. We are requesting that this promise be kept.

The government must develop a commission to investigate, in earnest, abuses of the Sureté du Québec and the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as the charges to be brought against the Warriors.

It is imperative that the government recognize the rights of aboriginal people to self-determination.

It is time to negotiate meaningfully and sensitively with Native peoples on their terms. The Canadian people cannot allow the government to flex its muscle again. Who will be next?

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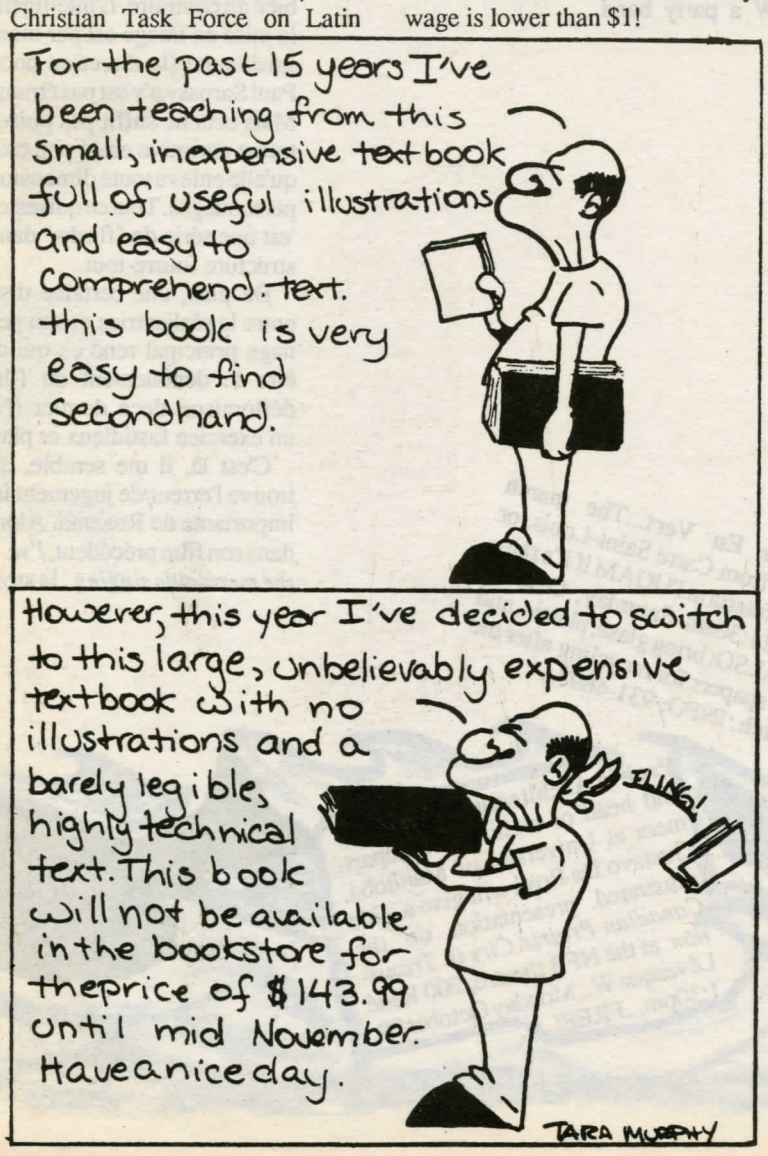

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TUESDAY, OCT. 30

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Deadline for submissions is Fri., Oct 26

Western winds blow East

by Elana Wright

A dark, smoky Montreal club transformed into a bar from Vancouver last Friday when Spirit of the West (STW) took to the Club Soda stage.

Spirit of the West's arrival on stage brought that West Coast earnestness for activism and social change to the eager audience

The band sang about topics as diverse as the Exxon Valdez spill, the isolation of the mentally disabled, and homophobia.

John Mann's bopping, bald head and his angry, rocking voice added an edge to the reels and jigs of his seven-year partner Geoffrey Kelly's flutes.

Hugh McMillan and Linda McRae added a unique sound to STW's brand of folk-rock with mandolins and accordions, as well as good old electric and bass guitars. A formal drum set was not missed because of the vast array of instruments used by the band.

The audience felt the urge to dance just as strongly during their politically-charged songs denouncing the destruction of the environment as during their Celtic-influenced drinking songs.

The audience was a jumping, joyful mass when STW broke into the old favourites from their three previous albums. Their newest effort *Save this House*, is their most popular album to date, made obvious by the crowd's frenzied reaction to the title song.

STW introduced Friday night's songs with anecdotes about the inspiration behind each song. One song, called *Putting Up with the Joneses*, was written by Mann and Kelly after a short visit to a mental institution outside of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mann described the situation of how the mentally disabled are isolated from the rest of society without giving them a chance to prove themselves.

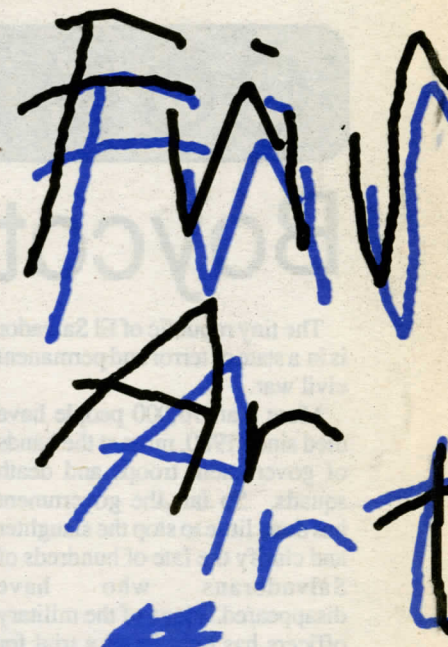
In a song criticizing society's non-acceptance of gays and lesbians, STW suggests we should blame people like Rushton at the University of Western Ontario who spread this type of prejudice.

John Mann, the energized lead singer, criticized B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm's ignorance of environmental issues by recounting Vander Zalm's attempt to stifle the Stein Valley Festival this year.

This festival is an effort of environmentalists, Natives, musicians and the public to preserve the Stein Valley, an area in the mountains outside Vancouver. Vander Zalm appeared on a public service announcement on BCTV, warning British Columbians not to attend the festival because it was going to cause horrendous traffic problems.

John Mann again expressed his frustration with the B.C. Social Credit government by predicting an overdue N.D.P. victory in B.C.

Likened to the Pogues without the alcohol, STW has become more accessible without abandoning its political fervour. A great mix of topical, political lyrics and lively music make STW a party band with an edge.



Sortir chambre

par Serge Noël

White Room. La pièce où les choses essentielles se trouvent, sans parures ou faussetés. L'endroit où les choses qui comptent vraiment peuvent se vivre. Voilà la destination du film de Patricia Rozema. Malheureusement le voyage est tellement long que toute odeur de sainteté est perdue avant que l'on y arrive, laissant plutôt l'impression qu'il faudrait y ouvrir la fenêtre.

Le pari de Rozema était de graduellement paser de la prémisse la plus pure (un saint innocent à vélo parent proche de Peewee Herman découvre le mal) vers la pureté sans sous entendu.

Le film est loin d'être sans intérêt, bien au contraire. L'intelligence de la mise en image est par moments saisissante (la direction photo de Paul Sarossy n'y est pas étrangère). Mais cela ne suffit pas puisque la trame narrative est si peu crédible qu'elle enlève toute dimension aux personnages. Tout ce qui reste alors 'est une série de "flashs" dans une structure fourre-tout.

De plus, une certaine distance entre la réalisatrice et son personnage principal rend ce qui devait être le dénouement du film, la défloraison dece dernier (Norm) un exercice fastidieux et plat.

C'est là, il me semble, que se trouve l'erreur de jugement la plus importante de Rozema. Alors que dans son film précédent, *I've the mermaids singing* , la structure

Do your thang!!! at the Rising Sun's talent contest - jazz, blues, R&B, salsa, reggae, rap...Sunday, October 28, 5380 St-Laurent.

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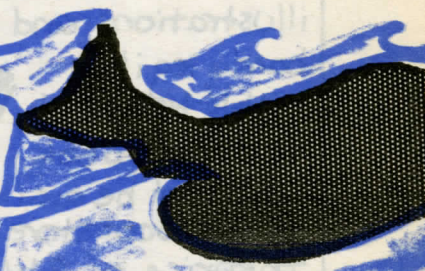
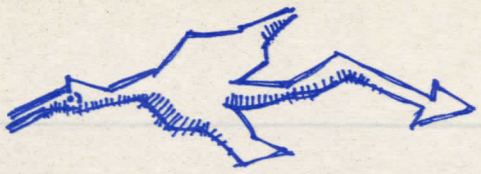
Mohawk Benefit...view a photo exhibit *Behind the Barricades* by Linda Dawn Hammond while grooving to the music of Montreal's "rebel news orchestra" *RhythmActivism* along with *Mack Mackenzie, Judy Radul*, the *John Sobol Poetry Duo, Johanne Lafleur, Gogodgo!* and *TamTamMontagne* at ONYX, 3958 boul. St-Laurent. Sunday, October 28, 7:00pm...3$ and 5$.

Our home and native land...exhibit of sculpture, painting, installation, and photography by four native artists: Veran Wallis(Apache), Mary Longman (Plains Cree), Arthur Renuick (Haisla) and Eric Robertson (Gitksan); shows at the V.A.V. Gallery 1395 René Lévesque October 22-27.

Prairie Architecture ...profess and head of architecture department at University of Manitoba, Gustavo Da Rosa will give a slide illustrated presentation on the *Canadian Prairie City in Transition* at the NFB theatre, 200 René Lévesque W., Monday October 29, 1:30pm...FREE!





le la blanche

arrative était étroitement reliée u personnage principal de Sheila McCarthy , dans White Room, le gouffre entre la réalisatrice et Norm net en doute la crédibilité de la éalisatrice

Sheila McCarthy nous revient lans *White Room* pour interpréter le façon exagérée un personnage nince

Il me semble aussi qu'il faille oller étroitement aux personnages mprobables dans les histoires ncrédibles si l'on veut qu'ils devinnent plus que des étrangetés. Ce 'est pas le cas ici.

White Room n'est que le second ong métrage de Patricia Rozema. Tout bien considéré, ce n'est pas

un vilain film. Sous le verni et les exercices de style se cache une réalisatrice qui a peut-être eu un peu de mal à passer de la production artisanale à l'industrielle.

Il ne reste qu'à attendre et à espérer que la prochaine fois, Rozema restera elle-même dans la grande pièce blanche pour écrire son scénario et créer ses images.

White Room a été présenté en première montréalaise au Festival International du Nouveau Cinéma et de la Vidéo qui se poursuit jusqu'au 28 octobre.

Sa sortie en salle est prévue pour mois de novembre. Il sera présenté dans sa version originale anglaise et une version doublée ou sous-titrée en français.

CRSG benefits all

by Barry Walsh

Over 200 people jammed the Rockaway Café last Thursday night to catch Concordia student radio station CRSG's first benefit bash of the year.

Featured on the bill were four of Montreal's finest bands-*Guayaba*, *Bare Bones*, *Dharma Head Trio* and *Jah Children*. Each band was selected to represent a distinct segment of CRSG's programming, with the result being a well-rounded presentation of the local music scene.

The evening began with the lively Latin sounds of *Guayaba*. This 10-piece ensemble had all the right stuff: three horn players, three percussionists, a cooking rhythm section and the splashiest shirts this side of Club Med.

Moving from salsa to soca standards with ease, *Guayaba* performed with great enthusiasm despite the presence of several typical 'opening act curses'-an empty dance floor and the occassional sound glitch.

Next up was the dynamic folk and blues duo *Bare Bones*. A popular draw around town, with one album-length cassette to their credit, vocalist Suzanne Nuttall and guitarist Patrick Hutchinson delivered an emotionally charged 50-minute set.

Suzanne's voice, equal parts grit and gossammer, set the songs ablaze, while Hutchinson's playing, particularly his slide work in *Something About Women and Horses*, was smooth throughout.

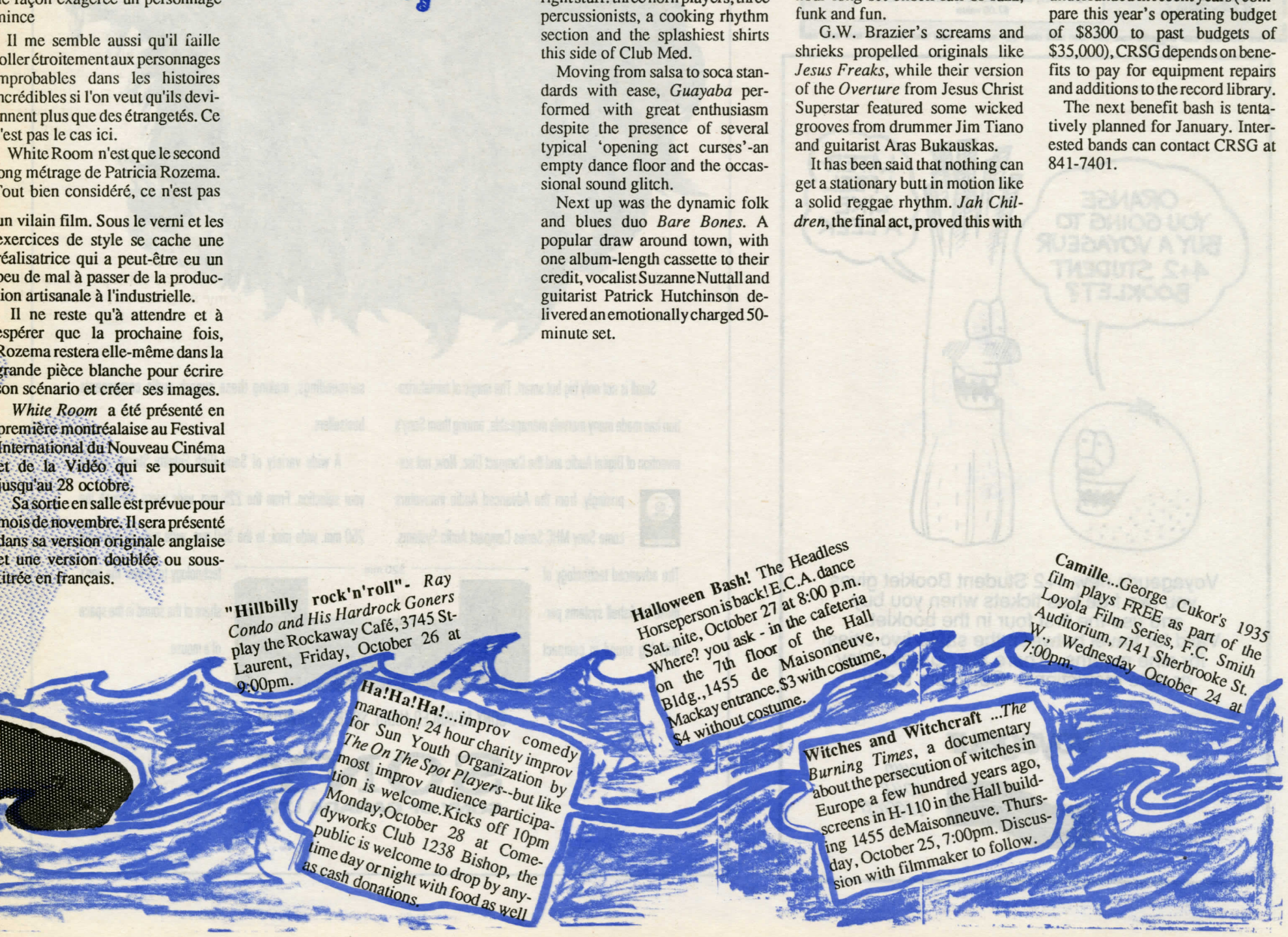
The relaxed mood of the *Bare Bones* set was promptly replaced by full-throttle insanity with the arrival of *Dharma Head Trio* (*DHT*). Performing with an upside-down American flag as a backdrop, *DHT* tore through an hour-long set chock full of fuzz, funk and fun.

G.W. Brazier's screams and shrieks propelled originals like *Jesus Freaks*, while their version of the *Overture* from Jesus Christ Superstar featured some wicked grooves from drummer Jim Tiano and guitarist Aras Bukauskas.

It has been said that nothing can get a stationary butt in motion like a solid reggae rhythm. *Jah Children*, the final act, proved this with the opening riff to *Third World People*, which filled the dance floor to capacity. Solid musicianship and serious grooves kept the crowd on its feet for the duration of their set.

By the end of the evening, ticket-takers at the door had turned a tidy profit which will help the station stay alive. Having been seriously underfunded in recent years (compare this year's operating budget of $8300 to past budgets of $35,000), CRSG depends on benefits to pay for equipment repairs and additions to the record library.

The next benefit bash is tentatively planned for January. Interested bands can contact CRSG at 841-7401.



"Hillbilly rock'n'roll"- *Ray Condo and His Hardrock Goners* play the Rockaway Café, 3745 St-Laurent, Friday, October 26 at 9:00pm.

Ha!Ha!Ha!...improv comedy marathon! 24 hour charity improv for Sun Youth Organization by *The On The Spot Players*--but like most improv audience participation is welcome. Kicks off 10pm Monday, October 28 at Comedyworks Club 1238 Bishop, the public is welcome to drop by anytime day or night with food as well as cash donations.

Halloween Bash! The Headless Horseperson is back! E.C.A. dance Sat. nite, October 27 at 8:00 p.m. Where? you ask - in the cafeteria on the 7th floor of the Hall Bldg., 1455 de Maisonneuve, Mackay entrance. $3 with costume, $4 without costume.

Witches and Witchcraft ...*The Burning Times*, a documentary about the persecution of witches in Europe a few hundred years ago, screens in H-110 in the Hall building 1455 deMaisonneuve. Thursday, October 25, 7:00pm. Discussion with filmmaker to follow.

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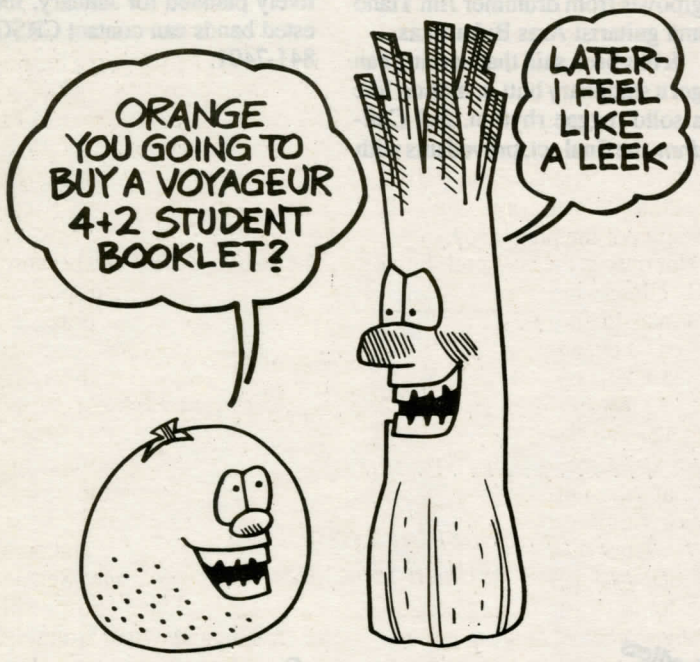

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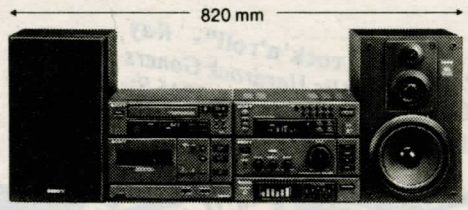

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Putting abortion back in the Criminal Code

Bill C-43 to abort women's rights

by Deanne Fisher

TORONTO (CUP) — They were once the feminist alternative to the sterility of a hospital: a woman knew that when she walked through the door of one of Canada's few abortion clinics, no one's disapproving eyes would damn her for what she was about to do.

But now clinics will have to pick up the slack for the increasing numbers of doctors in hospitals across the country who are closing their doors to Canadian women.

In short, 'You ain't seen nothing yet,' is what opponents of Bill C-43 are predicting when and if it becomes law.

If passed, the controversial bill would put abortion back into the Criminal Code.

At least 50 doctors across the country are already saying no to women. The new law will leave doctors vulnerable to harassment charges from anti-choice activists.

It would also demand that abortions be performed only when the physical or mental health of a woman is in danger.

But pro-choice advocates and many doctors say the only reason a woman should need to have an abortion is if she does not want to have a child.

The bill itself is buried somewhere in the Senate chambers, smothered in the media by the GST, procedural filibustering and the accelerated appointments of new Tory senators. If Senate votes on the bill, observers expect it to pass.

> *"They need to travel and they don't like to announce to their bosses and teachers that they need the day off to go into the city to have an abortion."*

In the meantime, abortion clinics are taking on a new role for Canadian women. Once considered an expensive alternative to a hospital abortion, clinics may be the only service women can continue to depend on.

The results of an informal poll among doctors conducted by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) shows a "substantial reduction in the numbers of physicians who will provide services" should Bill C-43 pass.

CMA offical Doug Geekie warned the government that doctors would jump ship. Women from smaller cities and towns are already being forced to travel long distances to abortion clinics.

But the major exodus has yet to come, he said. If the bill is passed and the first charges are laid against a doctor for performing an abortion, doctors will stop in droves.

Pregnancy counsellors are on guard, waiting to receive word that the doctors they rely on for abortions will stop practicing. About the only thing they don't worry about are the clinics.

The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League's executive coordinator said doctors in clinics are more political than those in hospitals.

"They're doing it out of a sense of duty to women," Jane Holmes said. "They're not likely to quit."

Clinics have long been preferred by the pro-choice movement but not by provincial governments.

With the exception of Quebec, no provincial medical plan fully funds abortions in clinics.

Some provinces pay the doctor's fee but operating a clinic takes staff, equipment and a building. Those costs are incorporated into a fee for abortions which starts at about $200 and rises with the duration of the pregnancy.

Not only is the cost prohibitive but clinics are few and far between, concentrated in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto.

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A spokesperson at the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics said it's difficult for many women to come to a clinic.

"They need to travel and they don't like to announce to their bosses and teachers that they need the day off to go into the city to have an abortion," Cherie MacDonald said.

The coalition is hoping Ontario's new NDP government will follow through on its commitment to women's issues by funding clinic abortions and setting up more clinics outside Toronto.

They also hope the attorney general will ignore the abortion law by rejecting charges against doctors as frivolous.

But some provinces don't even have groups formed to lobby for abortion clinics let alone a decidedly pro-choice government.

While few clinics are government-funded, they don't have to be a financial burden to provinces, according to lobbyists.

Henry Morgentaler pioneered a method that requires only a local anesthetic, unlike the general anesthetic offered by most hospitals. Ontario's coalition member MacDonald agrees.

"A small town can still have a clinic," she said. "They can be set up easily and are very cost effective."

The CMA's Geekie says because of their specialized practice, clinic doctors have become "experts" at performing abortions compared to hospitals.

The outcome of the Senate debate over Bill C-43 could range from a highly unlikely defeat to the annulment of the bill because of procedural stalling.

Justice Minister Kim Campbell, who denounced the bill when doctors began to withdraw services, could refuse to proclaim it law even if the Senate passes it.

The CMA expects the Senate to begin dealing with Bill C-43 this week.

Perhaps not coincidentally, pro-choice groups planned a nationwide march for choice last week.

In Montreal, about 300 protestors marched for their last chance in a campaign that has been overshadowed by Meech Lake and the GST.

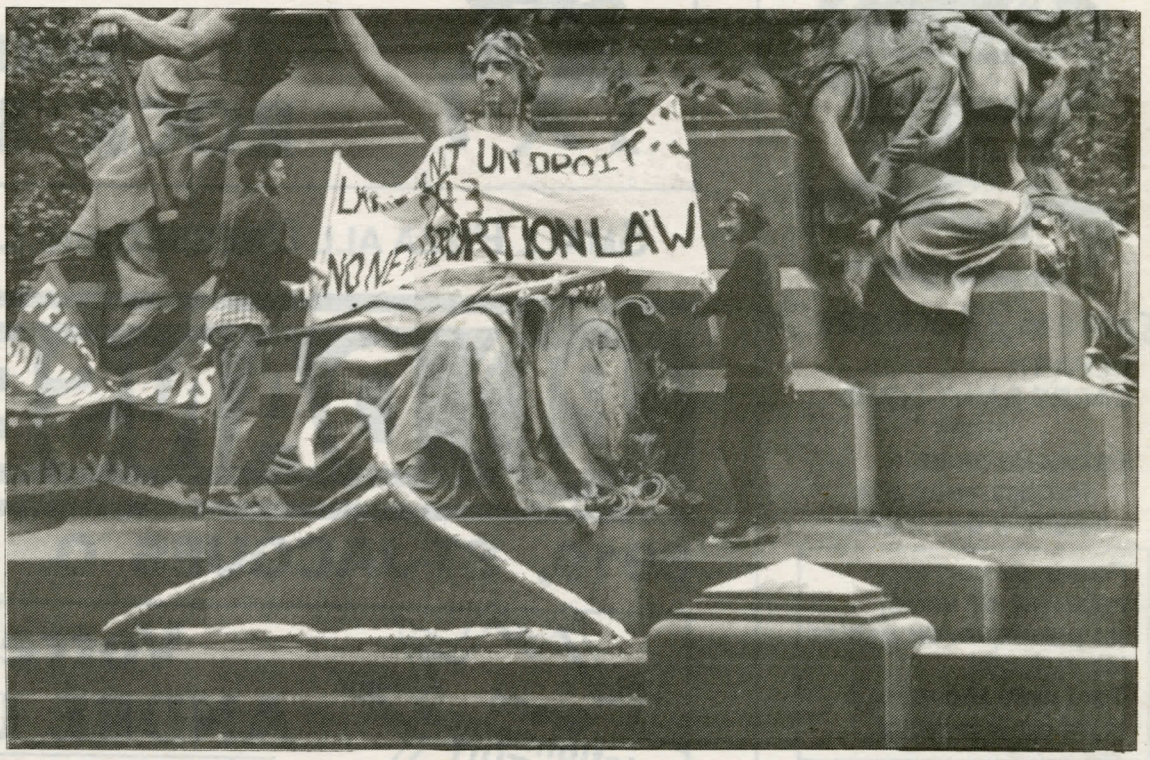

PHOTO BY PATRICIA BENEZRA

More than 300 pro-choice advocates marched in the rain through downtown Montreal Oct.13 to protest the federal government's move to recriminalize abortion.

Where can you get an abortion in Canada?

Most of Canada's abortion clinics are situated in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. But in other provinces and outside these urban centers many women find it difficult to get an abortion. In some provinces, private clinics are outlawed.

- Only one doctor, nearing retirement, performs abortions in Newfoundland;
- No abortions are performed in Prince Edward Island;
- The Nova Scotia government has passed anti-clinic legislation although Dr. Henry Morgentaler has opened a clinic in Halifax challenging this;
- There are no clinics in New Brunswick and only four hospitals perform abortions;
- Quebec has a network of clinics funded by the government;
- The doctor's fees in Ontario's four abortion clinics — all in Toronto -- are paid by the government but operating costs are paid by patients;
- Access to abortion is limited to the city of Winnipeg in Manitoba where there isone Morgentaler clinic; 90 per cent of Winnipeg abortions are performed in one hospital which is already cutting back;
- The Saskatchewan government funds only "medically necessary" abortions; hospitals serve local women only; doctors must give women "a reasonable understanding of the state of fetal development" before performing an abortion;
- Alberta requires the opinion of two doctors; Morgentaler aims to open the first clinic in Edmonton in response to women being turned away because of overcrowding in hospitals; many Albertan women head to the United States for abortions;
- B.C.'s abortion clinics are partially funded by the government, as in Ontario.

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buildings were ignored. Pierre Beaulne, former head of the Carleton Gay and Lesbian Alliance, filed a complaint against the university with the Human Rights Commission in June 1989. The case has yet to be settled.

Davidson said he is not ruling out a similar option.

"I'm confident it won't have to go that far because anyone who has kept an eye on what is happening at Carleton will know (about) the negative publicity the university has been getting," he said. "But I'm prepared to go that far."

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As I Moved Some Few Steps Across

As I moved some few steps across
The leaves were falling to the left and right,
Each tree was surrendering
In mute extension, high above the forest floor.
Where are you going? she asked again
A silent hesitation, silently mentioned.
I couldn't tell, I said each
roadside was flashing
Blinding me now
While fiddleheads of ferns softly
Uncoiled their velvety brow,
In rapt amazement of their dead unborn
Of funeral creatures, they sung blissfully all day.
The afternoon was warm and I noticed,
How time was empty and gay above the nine-to-five worlds;
Floating freely — swiftly escaping dread,
Ohh, ohh ... Impossible concentration. Invocation,
No connection
I stumbled upon that higher ground covered by whispers
of tiny white moths
And knew there would be no getting off.

Eric Friday.

acid rain

this rain is sacred
and random
it is your tears that are
pathetic fallacy

there is no emotion
in the eyes of wolves tonight
or any night

put your pen down
prophets are made not born
the death of the old oak
gives nothing away
its rotting limbs hold no secrets
the wind blows through withered leaves
it is men who whisper

nature is as pure
as it ever was
and you can't sing praises to eternity
when you're out of breath

Billy Neale

Autumn Scene

I cherish the early days of autumn, with its melancholy phantoms of a moribund summer... Gone the harsh heat and sun of July. The earth is hushed, contemplating, watching, waiting. In the evening the sunset is a lingering splendor: a flawless blue sky melting into wisps of soft oranges, pinks, gray-blues, and purples. Nature is both humble and spectacular. I can hear the soughing voice of the wind, rustling the leaves of the big oak tree.
shhhh..., it says.
Sky becomes the palest blue heaven. A breath of orange brushes the roof-tops. The horizon is a dazzling concentration of crimson resplendence. Then it fades into a crespuscular pink, ever receding, until at last, it is one with the quiet blueness, cool and poised. Night is now a whisper away.
Darkness falls subtly, slowly, softly, softly... It falls like a long, melancholy sigh. Shades of blue mingle with profundity and grayness. The sky is impeccable in its every aspect.
Night: deep, deep blue, perfected with gentle, fortifying breezes.

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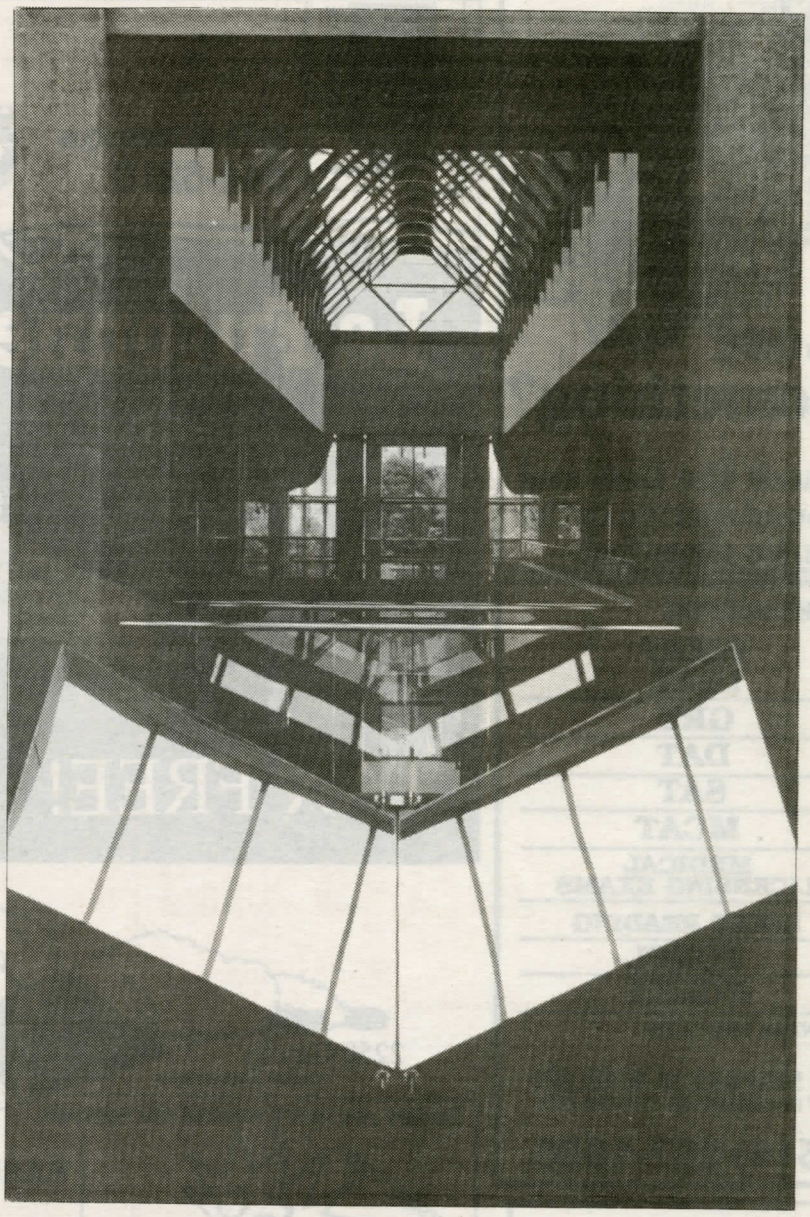

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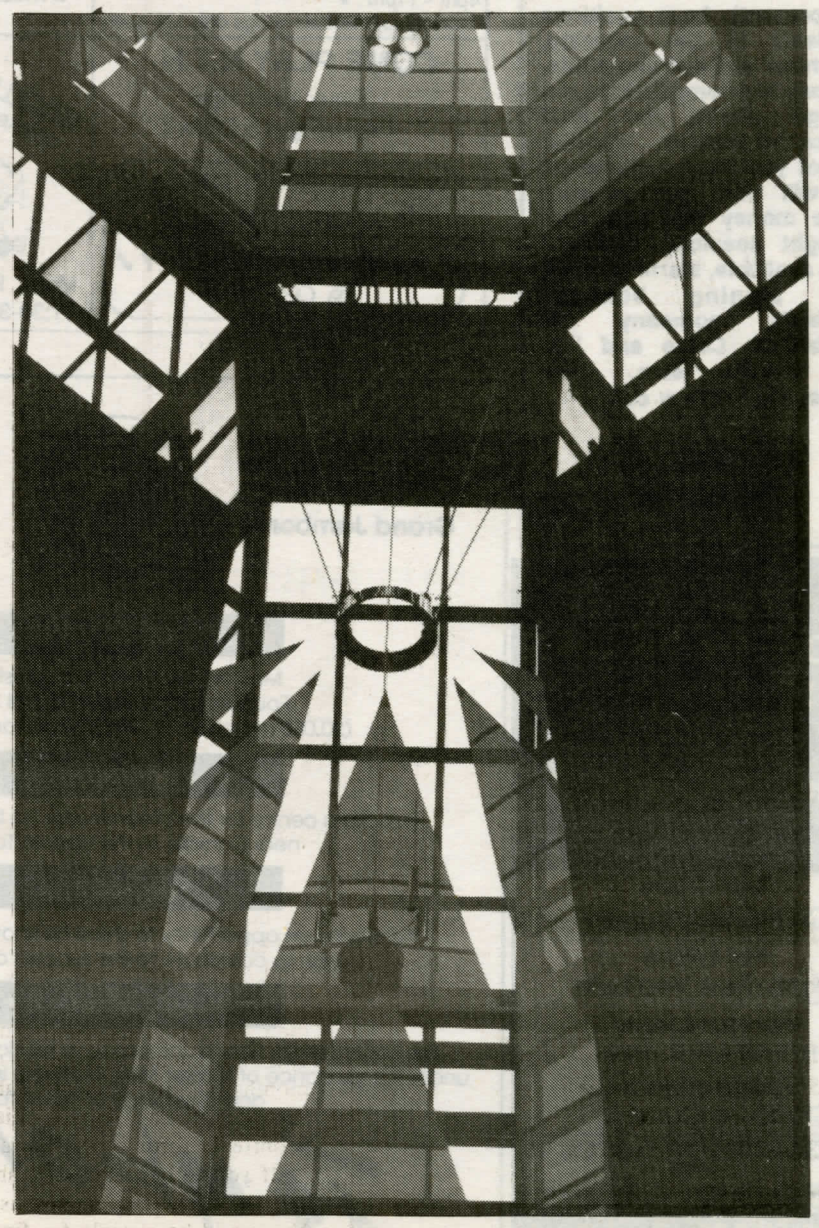

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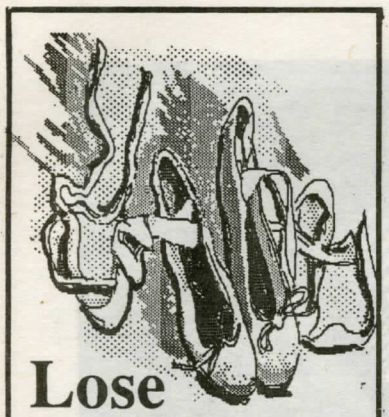

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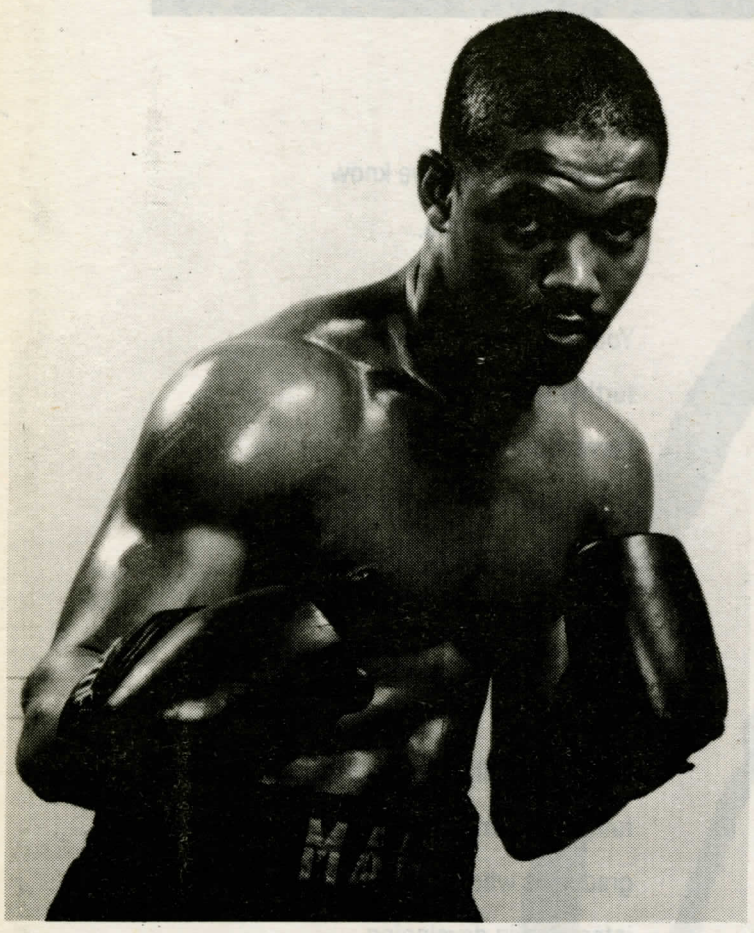

Concordia's Otis Grant will fight at the Forum Friday night.

All the right moves

by Joey Purpura

Otis Grant, like a score of other Concordia University students, has a job on the side.

His after school job, though, is unlike anyone else's

Otis Grant ducks and throws punches for his income: he's a professional boxer.

Yet, you couldn't tell just by looking at him.

Although Grant is athletic looking, curioiusly, his delicate Asiatic brows and fine facial features belie his 120 or so (he's lost count) amateur fights.

His gentle and personable demeanor suggests nothing of someone who's knocked out eight of 11 opponents since turning pro in November of 1988. And loose-fitting clothes conceal an awesomely-sculptured physique.

Grant is a soft-spoken, 22-year-old who boxes on the side while majoring in leisure studies at Concordia.

A south paw (leads with right hand) who stands at 5'9, Grant packs tremendous power in both hands.

He is currenly ranked second in the Canadian middleweight (160 lbs.) division and is undefeated in 11 bouts—and has a burning desire to become world champion.

"Becoming world champion is my ultimate goal, but getting an education is equally important," said the native of Jamaica, who plans a career in recreation once his boxing days are over.

"I'll probably be boxing until I'm 32 or 33. There will still be plenty of time for a career after."

Time is a cherished word for Grant. Besides his three courses, he undergoes a rigorous daily workout which consists of 40-minute morning runs and 2 1\2 hour after-school training sessions.

Add to that a travel itinerary for out-of-town fights—he's fought in Atlantic City, Boston and Philadelphia over the last year—and his busy schedule gives knew meaning to cramming for exams.

The last two weeks have been particularly exhausting for Grant. He's spread himself thin between his studies and conditioning for a ten-round bout Thursday night at the Montreal Forum against Philadelphian Darryl Flint.

"I've really felt the the stress the last two weeks with mid-term exams," says the St.Laurent resident, who lives at home with his mother and 12-year old brother. "Sometimes I don't even get to see my girlfriend."

If not in school (he maintains a c+ average), Grant scores straight A's when it comes to boxing.

Grant offers good punching-power, a slick defense and tremendous technique.

Grant last fought October 1, annihilating Nox Brown of Philadelphia with chopping hooks and punishing left hands that landed hard, and often—forcing Brown to drop out before the start of round six.

Says his long time trainer/manager Russ Amber, whose association with his student goes back to when Grant first stepped into the ring at 12:

"No doubt about it, he has great punching-power. Otis has improved 100% since his first pro fight—and is only 80% of how great he will be."

Thursday night, before an expected Forum crowd of 12,000, Grant will demonstrate just how good he is.

Many boxing insiders say Grant will meet his toughest challenge.

"Grant is not going to have an easy time," says fight promoter Henri Spitzer. " Darryl Flint can really punch hard, so whoever wins will win by knockout."

Grant, though is certain he will be the one watching from the neutral corner while his foe is counted out by the referee.

"Flint tends to come out agressively, and that makes him vulnerable because I'll be waiting patiently and putting an end to his charge," says Grant, in low-key confidence.

Will this be another breeze test for Grant?

If it is, he'll fight once more before Christmas, and challenge Danny Sherry of Toronto for the Canadian title early in the new year.

Once the Canadian championship belt is securely fastened around his waste, then the tough part of the course begins: challenging for the world title.

"I'm in no rush," says Grant. "The world title will come in two or three years. Winning the Canadian title is the first step."

Soccer rocked on weekend

by Francois Amyot

The Loyola soccer field was the stage for an emotionnal weekend.

The Concordia women were disappointed after their game was called while hot tempers flared in the men's game after a dispute with a referee.

Friday afternoon, the women's team hosted the McGill Martlets in the game that should have crowned the regular season champion. Instead it was cancelled after a delay caused by an injury.

At the 15 minute mark, violent winds blew the McGill goal onto goalie Nathalie Lapenta.

Players and spectators feared she had been hit on the head by the crossbar. Luckily, Lapenta remained conscious although she suffered a broken arm and sore hip.

The game, scoreless to that point, was called by referee Bernardino Testani. He said that by the time the ambulance came for the injured player, it was a risk to finish the game in the darkness. The Loyola field has no lights.

"We don't stop a game each time a player is seriously injured. Having the time or the lights, we could have continued," said Stingers coach Lyonel Joseph. "We should play Tuesday or Thursday."

Saturday afternoon, in a rough, fast-paced game Concordia rebounded from an early 2-0 deficit, stealing a 3-2 victory from Sherbrooke.

Before the game Concordia was in third place, one point behind second place Sherbrooke.

However, Stingers' coach Vladimir Plavicik says his team is fighting for first place, not second.

After two missed scoring chances Sherbrookes's Steve Dubuc completed a 3 on 1 on a pretty pass by Luc Daigneault to put his team ahead 1-0.

Forward Steve Pouliot made the score 2-0 for the Vert et Or when his bullet found the top corner of the Concordia goal.

The Stingers closed the gap when Mark Williams' scored, jumping on a huge rebound from Sherbrooke netminder, Remy Soucy.

"It certainly helped. We dominated after that,"said Williams of his pivotal goal.

Defender Peter "Too Tall" Ferguson tied the game, just two minutes into the second half.

Not known for his scoring punch, he used his height and his head to convert a perfect corner kick from Mark Hickman. There was no better timing to score his first ever goal.

Substitute Vince Cavallo scored the winning goal at the 59th minute. From a scramble, he came out with the ball and was left all alone in front. He had no difficulty beating Soucy.

The game ended in controversy when Concordia assistant coach Franco Campo shoved a referee, frustrated because Concordia stricker Paolo Schiavoni was given a red card. Schiavoni was ejected from the game and banned from the next game.

Pavlicik was also upset with the official after he received a yellow card for cheering his team's third goal. Both cards were unjustified but certainly can't excuse the acts of Campo.

"I'm not proud of what I did, but I had to protect my players. The referee had no control of the game and now, Paolo is suspended for the game against McGill," Campo said.

"It's our most satisfying win, but not our best one because it ended in a sour note. The game against McGill will be the biggest of the year. It will be a different style of game. We respect them and I think they respect us," forward Mark Williams said.

The McGill-Concordia game on Tuesday night at Molson Stadium, will determine the regular season champion.

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Concordia women dominate rugby opponents

by Ron Rogers

Concordia's women's rugby team continues to leave the rest of their competition dazed and confused this season. Despite being a team composed largely of rookies and inexperienced players, the Stingers remained undefeated this weekend following a 12-0 victory over John Abbott College.

Scoring tries for Concordia were Brenda Haggerty, Josee Lacasse and Marie Josee Proulx. This marked the Stingers second straight victory over Abbott, but it should have been by a much wider margin. According to coach Greg Thaggard, Concordia missed several scoring opportunities, which may have resulted in an even more disparate result.

But as Thaggard pointed out, "Its better to have bad games now than later, when the playoffs start."

With just two games remaining in the regular schedule, against Champlain and Marianopolis at Marianopolis next Sunday, Concordia has already begun looking ahead to the playoffs. It appears likely that Concordia will eventually face McGill in the playoffs, a thought that doesn't thrill coach Thaggard.

"We've already beaten McGill twice this season," noted Thaggard, "so they may be due for a win."

Concordia is now 7-0 on the season. One has to wonder what they'll do when they get some experience on the team.

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